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Identical letters dated 24 August 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) committed during the month of July 2016 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the seventieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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Land violations committed in July 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
6 July	1400	In Mahallat al-Zalqa on the outskirts of the town of Shab'a, while Muhammad Hashim was grazing a herd of goats, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising seven soldiers crossed the line of withdrawal (the Blue Line in the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim) into Lebanese territory, where they tried and failed to kidnap him. The patrol then led the herd of approximately 450 head of goats inside the occupied Shab'a Farms. At 1800 hours the entire herd returned to Lebanese territory.
11 July	1950	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, Israeli enemy soldiers aimed a machine gun mounted on a vehicle towards Lebanese territory and brandished it in a provocative manner at Lebanese Army soldiers.
12 July	1000	Opposite the town of Rumaysh, near the Khallat al-Budiyah position, the Israeli enemy crossed the technical fence using three D9 bulldozers and a Poclain excavator and worked on the construction of a dirt access road between points B39 and B38-1 (a length of approximately 300 metres) without crossing the Blue Line. The work ended at 1900 hours, and all vehicles withdrew into occupied territory.
	1020	Opposite the town of Ayta al-Sha'b and the Lebanese Army position of Ruwaysat al-Hadab, five Israeli enemy soldiers trained their weapons for two minutes on the aforementioned position from within the position of west Ayta al-Sha'b 2. They then departed into occupied territory.
13 July	0930	From inside occupied territory opposite the town of Rumaysh, near the Khallat al-Budiyah position, the Israeli enemy crossed the technical fence using four D9 bulldozers and an excavator, accompanied by a Merkava tank that directed its cannon towards Lebanese territory. After working on the construction of a dirt road between points B39 and B38-1, without crossing the Blue Line, the vehicles departed into occupied territory.
	1800	A fire broke out inside occupied Palestinian territory opposite point B33, south-west of Rumaysh, spreading approximately 2 km into Lebanese territory. During that time, seven mines exploded.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
14 July	0800 1430	Opposite the towns of Bustan and Marwahin, near point AP263, while a number of Israeli enemy soldiers in civilian and military dress were performing maintenance on the technical fence, one of those soldiers, in civilian dress, made an obscene and provocative finger gesture in the direction of a Lebanese Army patrol inside Lebanese territory.
	2330	From inside occupied Palestinian territory, opposite the town of Udaysah, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising seven Defender vehicles and 25 soldiers approached, patrolling the technical fence and shining searchlights and flashlights towards Lebanese territory opposite the town of Sarda. They left at 0100 hours on 15 July 2016 in the direction of occupied territory.
15 July	1615	Near the Israeli enemy position at Shaykh Abbad opposite the town of Hula, members of a hostile Israeli patrol aimed a Merkava tank cannon in the direction of Lebanese territory.
17 July	1700	From inside occupied Palestinian territory the Israeli enemy caused several explosions over the towns of Blida and Mays al-Jabal.

Sea violations committed in July 2016

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
2 July	1937	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011) of 1 October 2011, for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 204 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
3 July	1847	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 200 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
4 July	1842	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a five-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 296 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
6 July	1829	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 333 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
8 July	1747	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 260 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
10 July	1913	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 180 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
11 July	1857	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 185 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
12 July	1833	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a five-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 278 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
14 July	1832	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for an eight-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 203 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
15 July	1818	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 148 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
16 July	2302	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch fired a flare over Lebanese territorial waters.
17 July	0300 0315	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight at a Lebanese fishing vessel and addressed it three times in Arabic.
	0312	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 333 metres into Lebanese territorial waters. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1847	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 222 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
20 July	1856	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 167 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
22 July	1830	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 185 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
23 July	1850	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 185 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
24 July	0022	From inside occupied Palestinian territory at its position opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, the Israeli enemy directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for one minute.
	0025	From inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch directed a searchlight towards Lebanese territorial waters for a period of four minutes.
	0050 0055	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch illegally approached the line of buoys. Its members issued warnings via loudspeaker and directed a searchlight towards a Lebanese fishing boat located at a distance of approximately 50 metres north of the second buoy.
	0050 0055	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, inside occupied Palestinian territorial waters, an Israeli enemy military launch crew fired four rounds towards a Lebanese fishing boat inside Lebanese territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
25 July	0824	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0830	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0834	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1747	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a two-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 205 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
26 July	1840	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 260 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
27 July	1829	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 148 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
28 July	0800	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a 17-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 213 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	0827	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a 22-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 315 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1048	Opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy maintenance vessel violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011) twice. The first time, it proceeded on its way for some 137 metres over a two-minute period. The second time, it proceeded on its way for some 165 metres and launched a noise bomb inside Lebanese territorial waters. It then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1237	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a three-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 204 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1250	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 241 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	1825	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a one-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 130 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
29 July	1818	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 185 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
	2000	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 260 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.
30 July	1934	Off Ra's al-Naqurah, an Israeli enemy military launch violated the southern maritime boundary established by Decree No. 6433 (2011), for a four-minute period, and proceeded on its way for some 280 metres. The launch then left in the direction of occupied Palestinian territorial waters.

Air violations

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
3 July	1105	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1230 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
4 July	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs, the South, Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 2105 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
5 July	1835	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2015 hours over Naqurah.
	2340	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South, Ba'abda, Matn and Zahlah before leaving at 0645 hours on 6 July over Naqurah.
6 July	0630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Zahlah, Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 1610 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0940	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1615 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1105	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1150 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
	1600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1615 hours over Kafr Killa.
7 July	0620	An Israel enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the South before leaving at 2315 hours over Rumaysh.
8 July	1340	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1515 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
9 July	2140	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 0615 hours on 10 July 2016 over Naqurah.
10 July	1035	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1200 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
11 July	0535	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Beirut and its suburbs and the South before leaving at 1110 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
12 July	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1200 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1210	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 2230 hours over Naqurah.
	1240	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1930 hours over Kafr Killa.
13 July	2305	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 0010 hours on 14 July 2016 over the sea west of Naqurah.
	2310	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese territory, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 0700 hours on 14 July 2016 over Kafr Killa.
14 July	1020	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa, Riyaq and Baalbek before leaving at 2330 hours over Bint Jubayl.
15 July	1200	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1915 hours over Kafr Killa.
16 July	0950	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Beirut, the Shuf and the South before leaving at 1945 hours over Naqurah.
17 July	0755	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Shuf, the South and the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1650 hours over Rumaysh.
	1230	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1405 hours over the sea west of Naqurah.
18 July	0710	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 0920 hours over Rumaysh.
	1010	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the Shab'a Farms. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1715 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	1740	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Shuf, the South and Beirut and its suburbs before leaving at 2220 hours over Rumaysh.
	2210	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 0545 hours on 19 July 2016 over Naqurah.
19 July	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over the Shuf, the South, Beirut and its suburbs and Batrun before leaving at 1500 hours over Rumaysh.
	1230	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1330 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1240	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 2300 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
20 July	0910	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1620 hours over Rumaysh.
21 July	0550	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa, the South and the Shuf before leaving at 1325 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0905	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa before leaving at 1140 hours over Jubb Jannin.
22 July	1140	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub before leaving at 1255 hours over Naqurah.
	1300	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1550 hours over Rumaysh.
23 July	0535	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the South before leaving at 1335 hours over Rumaysh.
24 July	0715	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 1510 hours over the occupied Shab'a Farms.
	0915	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and the South before leaving at 1530 hours over Naqurah.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
25 July	1035	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1200 hours over the sea off Naqurah.
	1600	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the South before leaving at 1920 hours over Kafr Killa.
	2155	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Naqurah. It circled over Iqlim al-Kharrub, Beirut and its suburbs, Alayh and Ba'abda before leaving at 0715 hours on 26 July 2016 over Alma al-Sha'b.
26 July	1815	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over the sea west of Naqurah. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 2000 hours over Kafr Killa.
	1935	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over Riyaq, Baalbek and Hirmil before leaving at 0335 hours on 27 July 2016 over Kafr Killa.
27 July	1030	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1220 hours over Rumaysh.
	1300	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Alma al-Sha'b. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 2015 hours over Rumaysh.
28 July	1040	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the South before leaving at 1500 hours over Rumaysh.
29 July	1330	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1905 hours over Naqurah.
	1630	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Rumaysh. It circled over the Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1920 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
30 July	0040	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0645 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	0935	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 0645 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.

Date	*Time*	*Nature of violation*
	0935	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Western Bekaa and the South before leaving at 1440 hours over Naqurah.
	1350	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over Riyaq and Zahlah before leaving at 1545 hours over Riyaq.
	2205	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Zahlah. It circled over the South before leaving at 0205 hours on 31 July 2016 over Alma al-Sha'b.
31 July	1100	Two Israeli enemy warplanes violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. They circled over all regions of Lebanon before leaving at 1240 hours over Alma al-Sha'b.
	1715	An Israeli enemy reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace, entering over Kafr Killa. It circled over the Shuf and the South before leaving at 2330 hours over Rumaysh.